

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the second Office Action mailed on March 24, 2004. Claims 1, 16, 30 and 32 have been amended, and new claims 35-84 have been added. Claims 1, 3-8, 10-16, 18-25 and 27-84 remain in the present application. Applicants note and appreciate Examiner's indication of the allowability of claims 4, 13, 19 and 33. In view of the foregoing amendments, as well as the following remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in complete condition for allowance and request reconsideration of the application in this regard.

Claims 1, 3, 5-8, 10-12, 14-16, 18, 20-32 and 34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Workman, U.S. Patent No. 6,085,478. While Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections, Applicants have amended each of independent claims 1 and 16 to more sharply define the present invention over the prior art of record and respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn.

In particular, Applicants have amended each of independent claims 1 and 16 to recite that a portion of the support portion is disposed adjacent the exposed upper surface of the cover so as to extend over the barrier plate and the exposed upper surface defined thereby.

In contrast, the asserted "support portion" (96) of Workman is disposed adjacent a lower surface of the asserted "barrier plate" (32). Applicants

respectfully submit that the "support portion" (96) of Workman is not disposed adjacent an exposed upper surface of the "barrier plate" (32) so as to extend over the "barrier plate" (32) and the exposed upper surface defined thereby as now claimed by Applicants. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections of independent claims 1 and 16 be withdrawn.

Moreover, as claims 3-8, 10-15, 18-25 and 27-34 depend from allowable independent claims 1 and 16, respectively, and further as each of these claims recites a combination of elements not taught or suggested by the prior art of record, Applicants respectfully submit that these claims are allowable as well.

The allowable subject matter of claims 4, 13, 19 and 33 have been presented in new independent claims 35, 46, 56 and 71, respectively. Applicants respectfully submit that these claims, and claims depending therefrom, are allowable over the prior art of record.

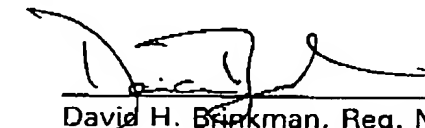
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing response including the amendments and remarks, this application is submitted to be in complete condition for allowance and early notice to this affect is earnestly solicited. If there is any issue that remains which may be resolved by telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned in order to resolve the same and expedite the allowance of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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